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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING OR
DROPPING A COMPONENT OF AN OPTICAL
SIGNAL

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are submitting copies of several documents which may be material to examination of the present application. Each enclosed document is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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Favorable consideration of this patent application
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NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	Q	"Applications Data - terra Q DWDM Optical Channel Filters", Cierra Photonics, Inc., Santa Rosa, California, 6 pages, date unknown.
	R	Angus MacLeod, "Challenges in Design and Production of Narrow Band Filters for Optical Fiber Telecommunications", Thin Film Center, Inc., Tucson, Arizona, 44 pages, date unknown.

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